Father's Help

Q.1. Why did Swami shudder while lying in bed?
Ans. - Lying in bed, Swami got shuddered because he realized that it was Monday morning and he had to follow again the weekly routine of going to school.

Q.2. What impression of his teacher Samuel did Swami give to his father?
Ans. - Samuel was a very angry man and basically he would get angry with the late comer students. Even the headmaster was also afraid of Samuel. This was how Swami described Samuel to his father.

Q.3. What did Swami hope?
Ans. - Swami hoped that he would be able to convince his father why it was necessary for him to avoid going to school that day.

Q.4. Why did Swami's conscience bother him?
Ans. - Swami's conscience bothered him as he was not at all sure if his description of Samuel to his father had been accurate or not.

Q.5. How did Swami recall Samuel's appearance?
Ans. - With deep regret Swami recalled Samuel's dark face, his thin moustache, unshaven cheek and a yellow coat Samuel used to put on.

Q.6. "You deserve your Samuel." - Why did Father say this to Swami?
Ans. - Father said this because he knew that only a teacher like Samuel, who is both strict and friendly, could guide a mischievous and truant boy like Swami to the right path.

Q.7. What did Father say to Swami as soon as Swami entered home?
Ans. - Father said that he (Swami) wouldn't deliver the letter to the headmaster.

My Own True Family

Q.1. Describe the appearance of the old lady in the oakwood.
Ans. - The old woman was unsteady in health. She had a lumpy stick in her hand, and she wore a dirty, torn cloth. She also carried a strange little bag with her.

Q.2. What made the poet feel nervous?
Ans. - The poet felt nervous when he found himself surrounded by a staring tribe, i.e., the oak trees and tied to a stake.

Q.3. Why did the old woman begin to cackle?
Ans. - The old woman began to cackle to create a sense of tremor and terror in the poet / to frighten the poet.

Q.4. What did the poet mean by "I came twice awake"?
Ans. - The poet meant to say that he became conscious of the company he had in the oakwood.

Q.5. How was the poet blamed by the tribe?
Ans. - The tribe, i.e., the oak trees blamed that they are ruthlessly cut down, but the human beings remain indifferent to their plight.

Q.6. What was the promise the poet had to make?
Ans. - The poet had to make the promise that whenever he sees an oak tree felled down, he will plant two.

Q.7. What would happen if the poet failed to keep the promise?
Ans. - If the poet failed to keep the promise, he would die and the black oak bark would wrinkle over him and root him among the oak trees.

Q.8. What was it that altered the poet?
Ans. - The dream that the poet dreamed beneath the boughs of the oak trees altered the poet.

Q.9. What did the poet realize after coming out of the oakwood?
Ans. - Coming out of the oakwood, the poet said that though he remained a human being, he could now realize the pain of the oak trees when they are felled by human beings.

Q.10. "My walk was the walk of a human child, but my heart was a tree." - Explain.
Ans. - The poet means to say that though he remained a human being, he could now realize the pain of the oak trees when they are felled by human beings. That is, the poet now gains a new conscience and love for the trees.